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INFO AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA

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SUBJ: EXPLOSION AFFECTING BURUNDI AND INDONESIAN MISSIONS  
TO UNITED NATIONS

1. AN EXPLOSION, TENTATIVELY ATTRIBUTED TO A GAS ACCUMULATION, OCCURRED AT 7:00 AM, APRIL 22, 1974, AND PRACTICALLY DEMOLISHED A 26-STORY COMMERCIAL BLDG AT 305 EAST 45TH ST, NEW YORK CITY. THE BLDG HOUSES THE INDONESIAN MISSION TO UN, 18TH FLOOR, AND BURUNDI MISSION, 21ST FLOOR. THESE MISSIONS WERE NOT OCCUPIED AT TIME OF EXPLOSION AND THERE WERE NO INJURIES. SEVERAL BLDGS IN AREA WERE SEVERELY DAMAGED.

2. USUN HAS BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH NEW YORK CITY FIRE COMMISSIONER AND CITY BLDG COMMISSIONER. BECAUSE OF DANGEROUS CONDITION OF BLDG, FIREMEN HAVE NOT VISITED UPPER FLOORS AND THERE IS NO ESTIMATE OF DAMAGE TO PREMISES OF BURUNDI AND INDONESIAN MISSIONS. AT USUN'S REQUEST, FIREMEN WILL ATTEMPT CLIMB STAIRCASE TO 18TH AND 21ST FLOORS. IF FLOORS CAN BE REACHED WITH REASONABLE SAFETY, ONE MEMBER OF EACH MISSION WILL BE PERMITTED IN BLDG TOMORROW OR WHENEVER CONDITIONS PERMIT TO RETRIEVE IMPORTANT PAPERS.

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3. ABOVE INFO HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO BURUNDI AND INDONESIAN  
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